

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
August 22, 2011

There were 5 members (C. David Copenhaver, Carlin Cook, Earl Grey, Cynthia Hergenbahn, and Michael Galumbeck) and 14 guests in attendance including: Captain Swain (Southern District), Marissa Gallo (Aegis reporter), and Morita Bruce (President of Friends of Harford).

The next meeting will be September 26, 2011 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Captain Swain spoke concerning Community Policing.
 - There were no statistics on community crime due to continued work to update the reporting system.
 - There were no major crime trends in Abingdon to report at this time.
 - In response to a question about the use of ATVs in communities, Captain Swain stated that the rider must have written permission from the property owner on them while riding. He also stated that they are not allowed to be ridden on streets.
- Council member C. David Copenhaver distributed his email address (cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com) and invited interested parties to send their email address to him as he continues to build a data base of visitors for the purpose of direct communication with the Council.
- Morita Bruce (guest speaker representing Friends of Harford) “Mysteries of the Master Plan Unveiled” (part 1)
 - The Master Plan is being rewritten – last one was in 2004 (Master Plan does not include Bel Air, Aberdeen or Havre de Grace because they are incorporated)
 - She distributed a packet containing material/concerns as identified by Friends of Harford including: a summary of the primary needs of the Abingdon area, statements about the content and goals of the Harford County Master Plan, statistics from the County Department of Planning and Zoning concerning the development envelope, some Master Plan issues for the Abingdon area, and Friends of Harford’s Guiding Principles for Master Plan Development.
- Updated information from the Community Council
 - Face book friends – no need to have a personal account to access the Abingdon Community Council entries; there is a link to access agenda/minutes
 - Abingdon Council would like to create a community plan similar to one done by the Fallston Council – see the example at fallstoncommunityplan.com
 - Aug. 27 MD Dept. of Planning meeting about redistricting (HCC Amoss Center) See redistricting2011@mdp.state.md.us
 - Friends of the Abingdon Library is having 2 fund raisers:
 - ⇒ YARD SALE – September 10 – cost is \$17 for a 10 x 15 space
 - ⇒ HIGH TEA – October 1 – cost is \$22; live entertainment; sign up at library check out desk
- August meeting topic: Friends of Harford updates on the Master Plan for the area (part 2)
- **Special Note: The Abingdon Community Council will NOT meet in December 2011**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver